

October 5, 2006

Upon the recommendation of the Conservation Commission and Councilor Marilyn Richards

WHEREAS, The *Open Space and Recreation Plan: 2005-2010*, adopted by the Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, Planning Board and City Council, recommends that the City preserve open space in the Northampton Meadows and Connecticut River floodplain; and

WHEREAS, The owner of environmentally sensitive land bisected by the historic Mill River has offered to donate the land, consisting of parcels Map ID 39A-46, 39-31 and 39-40, as permanently protected conservation land; and

WHEREAS, This donation will allow the land to be saved as open space forever, allow for the cleanup of the site, and potentially allow for some of the land to be reclaimed for agricultural uses; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The City Council hereby authorizes the City of Northampton, acting through its Conservation Commission, to accept said donation of land for the purpose of passive recreation, conservation and agriculture consistent with Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of Massachusetts.

